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Dear Attorney Hesse

I t is my understanding that the Justice Department is seeking input, regarding the proposed settlement in the Microsoft lawsuit.

As a small businessman, I understand competition. Competition is healthy for the American economy. I use Microsoft products in my business and they have been a great help to me. They have allowed me to better serve my clients and to manage my business.

As far as I can tell, there has been no consumer harm as a result of any actions taken by Microsoft. Microsoft's innovations have, in fact, helped many small businesses, such as mine grow.

Given the state of our economy right now, we should do everything possible to spur growth, not hinder it.

An additional benefit in the settlement, is the proposed donation of over 200,000 computers to our nation's public schools. I whole-heartedly endorse this provision, which will help erase the digital divide in our public schools.

I hope that the government will reach a settlement in this case.

Sincerely yours,